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SUBJ: ISRAELI REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO SELL KFIR TO
TAIWAN
REF: TAIPEI 1006

1. ISRAELI EMBASSY MINISTER BAR-ON AND DEFENSE SUPPLY
MISSION DIRECTOR CIECHANOVER CALLED ON PM DEPUTY DIRECTOR
ERICSON ON FEBRUARY 22 TO REQUEST U.S. PERMISSION FOR THE
SALE OF 60 KFIR FIGHTERS TO TAIWAN.

2. CIECHANOVER SAID THAT THE ROC IS READY TO SIGN A
CONTRACT IMMEDIATELY AND THAT DELIVERY WOULD START 12
TO 14 MONTHS AFTER THE SIGNING OF A CONTRACT. DELIVERY
WOULD TAKE PLACE OVER A PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY THREE

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YEARS. CIECHANOVER RECOGNIZED THE SENSITIVITY OF THIS
REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO TRANSFER AMERICAN COMPONENTS
BUT ASKED THAT WE GIVE A RESPONSE TO HIS APPROACH AS
QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

3. CIECHANOVER SAID THAT THE KFIR IN QUESTION WOULD BE
THE STANDARD MODEL WITH NO MODIFICATIONS. HE SAID LAST

MONTH A TEAM FROM THE TAIWANESE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE VISITED ISRAEL TO INSPECT THE PLANE. HE SAID THAT TAIWAN HAD TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT PROBLEMS SUCH A CONTRACT MIGHT RAISE WITH ITS ARAB OIL SUPPLIERS. CIECHANOVER SAID THAT SO FAR ISRAEL HAS DEALT STRICTLY WITH THE CHINESE DEFENSE MINISTRY PEOPLE. HE AGREED TO SUPPLY ERICSON WITH NAMES OF THE CHINESE WITH WHOM THEY HAD DEALT, REPORTING LATER THAT THEY WERE MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND CHIEF OF STAFF ADMIRAL SONG.

4. FOR TAIPEI: IN VIEW OF EMBASSY COMMENTS IN REFTEL,

WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY TAIPEI'S ASSESSMENT OF NEAR TERM POSSIBILITY OF A DECISION BEING MADE BY ROC TO GO AHEAD WITH SUCH A DEFENSE SUPPLY RELATIONSHIP WITH ISRAEL.

5. FOR TEL AVIV: CIECHANOVER SAID THAT WEIZMAN WILL RAISE MATTER OF KFIR SALES TO TAIWAN DURING HIS UPCOMING VISIT TO WASHINGTON. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ATTEMPTING TO ASCERTAIN IF INDEED THIS MATTER WILL BE RAISED BY WEIZMAN. VANCE

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